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THE
CONFESSION OF FAITH

AND

COVENANT

OF THE

MATHER CHURCH, JAMAICA PLAIN,

MASSACHUSETTS.

ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 15, 1853.



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II. The permanent officers of the Church are Pastor and Deacons.

III. An annual meeting shall be held on or before the Tuesday following the second Sabbath in January, at a time to be fixed by the permanent officers, at which meeting there shall be chosen by ballot, a Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor, and two brethren, who, with the Pastor, Deacons and Clerk, shall constitute the Standing Committee.

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V. Persons offering themselves for admission to the Church, either by letter or profession, shall be examined

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VII. Members of this Church removing from the place, are required to apply, in writing, for dismissal within one year, or render a satisfactory reason for non-compliance ; and it is the duty of the Standing Committee to write, every year, in January, to all members who have been absent one year. This Church also expects all who desire to commune with it, to join it within one year's residence.

VIII. No alteration shall be made in the Rules, the Confession of Faith, or the Covenant, except by vote of three-fourths of the brethren present, at a meeting regularly called, such alterations having been submitted in writing at a previous meeting.

FORM OF RECEPTION.

[The persons who are to make a profession of their faith, will stand before the officiating clergyman, who makes the following address:]

DEARLY BELOVED :

You present yourselves in this public manner to confess Christ before men, and to enter into covenant with God and with this Church.

God, angels and men, are witnesses to the deed. The profession which you now make, and the engagements into which you now enter, are of the most solemn moment ; they will be recorded on high ; they will be exhibited in your trial at the last day.

But let not your heart be troubled ; making them in humble reliance upon the Lord Jesus Christ, you will find his grace sufficient for you, even to the end.

As the ground of your love and hope, you acknowledge the following

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

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ness, justice, goodness, and truth ; who created and governs the universe according to his own will and for his own glory.

II. You believe that God gave, through inspired men, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are the only and perfect rule of our faith and practice.

III. You believe that God reveals himself in the Scriptures as the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost ; that these three are the one God, and in all divine attributes equal.

IV. You believe that man was created in the image of God ; that by disobedience he fell from that state ; and that, in consequence of the fall, mankind are by nature sinners against God, are under his wrath and curse, and are exposed to eternal misery.

V. You believe that "the Word" who in the beginning was with God and was God, from his infinite love became flesh in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the redemption of this lost race ; that by his sufferings and death he atoned for the sins of the whole world ; and that through him salvation is freely offered to all, on condition of repentance and faith.

VI. You believe that those who truly repent and believe in Christ, having been chosen in him before the foundation of the world, are regenerated by the direct and special power of the Holy Ghost accompanying the truth ; that they are pardoned and accounted as righteous in the sight of God only for the righteousness of Christ imputed unto them ; and that they

will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

VII. You believe that every one who is regenerated, is enabled and required to manifest the fruits of faith in a holy life ; that, loving God supremely, it is his duty to do God's will, by searching the Scriptures daily, by watching over his heart and life, by keeping the Sabbath holy, by attending conscientiously on public, social, family and private worship, by practicing godliness, sobriety, temperance, and brotherly kindness ; and that these are the essential and necessary fruits of belief in Christ.

VIII. You believe that God has established a visible church, founded on the doctrines of Christ ; to which the terms of admission are, a change of heart and a public profession of faith in the Lord Jesus ; that the sacraments of the church are Baptism and the Lord's Supper ; that Baptism is to be administered only to covenanting believers and their children ; and those only are entitled to the Lord's Supper who have made and continue their profession of faith, love and obedience.

IX. You believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and of the unjust ; and a day of final judgment ; that the Lord Jesus will then render to every man according as his works shall be ; when the wicked will go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into life eternal.

In all these things, do you now publicly and sincerely profess your hearty belief ?

[Each candidate answers, "I do."]

So believing, you will now enter into covenant with God and this Church.

COVENANT.

In the presence of God, angels and men, you do now solemnly consecrate yourself, in an everlasting covenant, to the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. You dedicate yourself to the Father as your Sovereign, to the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, to the Holy Ghost as your Sanctifier, Comforter and Guide. You renounce all hope of eternal life through works of righteousness which you have done, and do put your entire trust for salvation in the blood of Jesus and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. You do solemnly devote to the one living and true God all your faculties, powers and possessions, covenanting that you will be the Lord's forever; engaging that, through the aid of the Holy Ghost, you will love him supremely and serve him faithfully; that you will seek above all things the honor and interests of his kingdom; and that henceforth, denying ungodliness and every worldly lust, you will live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world.

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You do now heartily join yourself to this Church of Christ, and promise to submit to the regular admin-

istration of its government and discipline ; to observe conscientiously its special ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper ; to attend its religious meetings ; to give of your substance for its prosperity ; to labor with it for the conversion of sinful men ; to strive earnestly for its peace, growth in grace and purity ; to avoid every occasion for offence ; to exercise towards its members a spirit of meek, forgiving and faithful love.

Trusting in the grace of God, do you thus covenant and promise ?

[Each candidate answers, "I do."

Baptism will then be administered.

After which, they will be received as follows :]

We, therefore, the members of this Church, [*here the Church will rise,*] affectionately receive you to our common communion, and, in the name of Christ, declare you entitled to all its privileges. We heartily welcome you to the fellowship with us in the labors and blessings of the gospel. We engage, on our part, to watch over you with Christian tenderness and affection, and to promote, to the extent of our power, your growth in grace, your usefulness, and your happiness. [*The Church sits again.*]

And now, beloved, remember that the vows of the Lord are upon you ; they can never be thrown off ; they will follow you through life, to the bar of God, to the retributions of the world to come.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by

Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever ! AMEN.

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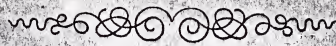
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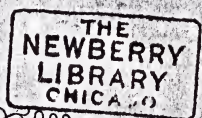
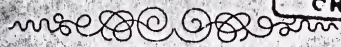
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On the 11th of December, 1855, Mr. J. Russell Bradford was chosen Deacon of the Church, who accepted the office, and entered upon its duties on the first Sabbath in January following.

On the 2d of January, 1856, the church edifice was dedicated to the public worship of God.

On the 13th of March, 1860, Mr. Henry T. Hogan was chosen Deacon, who signified the acceptance of that office on the 13th of April following.

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Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, *Pastor*, ordained December 27, 1853.

J. Russell Bradford, *Deacon*, chosen December 11, 1855.

Henry T. Hogan, *Deacon*, chosen March 13, 1860.

The officers chosen annually are, for 1860, as follows:

George N. Bliss, *Clerk*.

J. Russell Bradford, *Treasurer*.

Marcus T. Robinson, *Auditor*.

Nathan P. Lamson,	} <i>Standing Committee, in con-</i>
Charles N. M. Lincoln,	
Marcus T. Robinson,	

*nection with the Pastor,
Deacons, and Clerk.*

MEMBERS.

[In the following list, "l." *prefixed*, denotes that the person joined this Church by letter from the Church mentioned after the name; "l." *following*, together with a date, denotes removal from this Church by letter; "ex." denotes exclusion. The names of persons joining on profession of faith, have no prefix. Names in brackets are such as have been acquired by subsequent marriage.]

1853, *February 15*.—Original Members.

l. Reuben A. Lamb, *from Eliot Church, Roxbury*, died Nov. 22, 1858.

l. Mrs. Almia S. Lamb, " " "

l. William M. Shute, *Church of the Pilgrims, Boston*.

l. Martha C. Shute, " "

l. Sara H. Shute, " "

l. Parker Merrill, " "

l. Mrs. Annie E. Merrill, " "

l. George S. Merrill, " "

1853, February 15, continued :

1. Mrs. Anna Hewins, *Second Church, Dorchester.*
1. Abel Hewins, " "
1. Ellis Houghton, " " 1. 1856.
1. Isaac S. Houghton, Jr. " " 1. 1856.
1. Samuel C. Hill, *Congregational Church, Pittsfield, N. H.*
1. Mrs. Eliza L. Hill, " "
1. Mary Gray, *South Church, Andover.*
1. Mrs. Sarah H. Nye, *Pine Street Church, Boston, 1. 1854.*
1. Rev. Erasmus D. Moore, *Bowdoin Street Church, Boston, 1. 1856.*
1. Mrs. Harriet J. Moore, " " 1. 1856.
1. Augustus B. Keene, *South Evan. Church, West Roxbury, 1. 1857.*
1. Mrs. Prudence Keene, " " 1. 1857.
1. George Faulkner, " " ex. 1857.

.... March 13.

1. Mrs. Emily F. Sturtevant, *Original Cong. Ch., Wrentham, 1. 1856.*
 Mrs. Susan J. Hewins.
 James H. Tolman, died Jan. 8, 1856.
 Martha Johnston.

.... May 8.

1. Rev. Christopher Marsh, *South Evan. Ch., West Roxbury, 1. 1858.*
1. Mrs. Lucy G. Marsh, " " 1. 1858.
1. Elizabeth P. Marsh [Goddard], " " 1. 1855.
1. Phebe F. Marsh, " " "
1. Maria M. A. Marsh [Haven], " " 1. 1859.

.... November 13.

1. Mrs. Martha Poland, *Second Cong. Church, Portland, Me.*

1854, May 2.

1. Josiah I. Plimpton, *Cong. Church, Milford, 1. 1858.*
1. Mrs. Eliza W. Plimpton, " " 1. 1858.
1. Mrs. Mary S. Silvester, *Cong. Church, Fairhaven, 1. 1856.*
1. Martha E. Woodward, *South Evan. Church, West Roxbury.*

.... July 2.

1. Leicester M. Clark, *Shawmut Church, Boston, 1. 1856.*
 Mrs. Maria I. Clark, 1. 1856.
 Mary Ann Marshall [Wood].
 Zilphia D. Marshall [Kendall].

1855, January 2.

1. Henry T. Hogan, (Deacon,) *Pine Street Church, Boston.*
1. Mrs. Amelia L. Brown, *Park Street Church, Boston, 1. 1856.*

1855, January 2, continued :

1. John Buchanan, *Cong. Church, Haddington, Scotland.*
1. James Buchanan, " " 1. 1859.
1. Mrs. Catharine Buchanan, " " 1. 1859.
- Marian Buchanan [Henderson].

.... March 4.

1. Mrs. Marian Buchanan, *Cong. Church, Haddington, Scotland.*
1. Henry E. Rockwell, *Cong. Church, Washington, D. C.*
1. Mrs. Sarah J. Rockwell, *Original Cong. Ch., Wrentham.*
1. Horace T. Rockwell, *Cong. Church, Washington, D. C.*
1. Mrs. Elizabeth Wentworth, *F. W. B. Ch., Ossipee, N. H.*
1. George H. Rand, *Cong. Church, Keene, N. H., 1. 1857.*
1. Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, *First Church, Dover, N. H.*
- Mrs. Rebecca P. Quint.

.... May 6.

1. Mrs. Margaret L. Fowle, *First Church, Woburn.*
1. John A. Fowle, " "
1. Mrs. Adeline F. Fowle, " "
1. Nathan P. Lamson, *Shawmut Church, Boston.*
1. Mrs. Elizabeth C. Lamson, " "
1. George Lyon, *Mt. Vernon Church, Boston.*
1. Mrs. Sarah B. Lyon, " "

.... September 2.

1. J. Russell Bradford, (Deacon,) *Eliot Church, Roxbury.*
1. Mrs. Sarah J. Bradford, " "
1. Mrs. Harriet G. Storer, *Pine Street Church, Boston.*

.... November 4.

1. George W. Fowle, *First Church, Woburn.*
1. Mrs. Eliza Fowle, " "
- Mrs. Rebecca J. Wellington.

1856, January 13.

1. John J. Wentworth, *F. W. B. Church, Ossipee, N. H.*
1. Sarah J. Pope, *Edwards Church, Boston.*

.... March 2.

Mrs. Caroline P. Rand, 1. 1857.

.... May 4.

1. Mrs. Sophia G. Ashton, *Harvard Church, Brookline, 1. 1858.*
1. Mrs. Alice Plimpton, *Church of the Pilgrims, Boston, 1. 1858.*
- Alba Page.
1. Edward L. Rand, *South Evangelical Church, West Roxbury.*

1856, *November 2.*

Janet Black.

1857, *January 4.*

Harriet N. Winslow.

.... *March 1.*

1. Mary Weston, *Shawmut Church, Boston.*

Elizabeth Kendall.

.... *May 3.*

1. Thomas Mayo, *Phillips Church, South Boston.*

1. Mrs. Emma Mayo, " "

Sarah Alden [Howard], *M. E. Church, North Bridgewater.*

Henry C. Houghton.

Mrs. Rebecca K. Goldsmith.

Mrs. Mary P. Farnum.

Harriet A. Keene, 1. 1857.

.... *July 5.*

1. Edward L. Tead, *Shawmut Church, Boston.*

1. Mrs. Lucretia H. Tead, " "

1. Page Moore, *M. E. Church, Roxbury.*

1. Mrs. Emily A. Moore, " "

1. Nathan C. Goddard, *Cong. Church, Dorset, Vt.*

1. John Page, *Cong. Church, South Reading.*

1. J. Hamilton Farrar, *Park Street Church, Boston.*

Henry H. White.

Mrs. Lorinda B. White.

Lizzie C. White.

Mary E. Cleasby.

.... *September 6.*

1. George Henderson.

J. Franklin Houghton.

Abby K. Chapman [Houghton].

.... *November 1.*

Thomas McClelland.

1858, *January 3.*

1. Mrs. Eliza M. Hunnewell, *Central Church, Boston.*

1. Margaret Bain [Fenn], *Scotch Church, Edinburgh, Scotland.*

Edward Holt, 1. 1858.

.... *March 7.*

1. Mrs. Mary Prouty, *Park Street Church, Boston.*

Cornelius T. Buchanan.

1858, *May 2.*

1. Mrs. Ann Bradstreet, *Evan. Cong. Church, Brighton.*

1. Anne W. Swett, " " "

1. Lucy M. Cleasby, *Shawmut Church, Boston.*

George Weber.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Weber.

John Ashton, 1. 1858.

Marcus T. Robinson.

Henry Dickson.

Mrs. Martha P. Hollis.

Mrs. Mary E. Copeland.

Isabella M. Day, 1. 1858.

.... *July 4.*

1. Charles N. M. Lincoln, *Winthrop Church, Charlestown.*

1. Mrs. Mary A. Lincoln, " " died April 8, 1860.

1. Martha E. Lincoln, " "

1. Stillman P. Harwood, *Union Church, Westford.*

1. Sarah E. Spear, *Bowdoin Street Church, Boston.*

Rodney McLaughlin.

1. Mrs. Cynthia W. McLaughlin, *Park Street Church, Boston.*

Peter McClelland.

George Ivers.

Mrs. Eunice Ivers.

Mrs. Sarah L. Spear.

Mrs. Maria Hammond.

Mrs. Ruth R. Farrar.

Sarah M'Rae [Dick].

Jane A. Sykes.

Emily S. Hill.

Maria L. Ashby.

.... *September 5.*

1. Mrs. Julia S. Tenney, *Cong. Church, Southbridge.*

Gideon Walker.

William O. Lincoln.

1. Mrs. Sarah J. Lincoln, *Maverick Church, East Boston.*

.... *November 7.*

Andrew J. Preble.

Mrs. Olive A. Preble.

1859, *January 2.*

1. Ephraim O. Leach, *Central Church, Taunton.*

1. Mrs. Mary A. Leach, " "

1859, March 6.

1. Mrs. Sophronia White, *Cong. Church, Westminster.*

.... July 3.

1. George N. Bliss, *Evan. Cong. Church, East Cambridge.*

1. Mrs. Lucia S. Bliss, " " " "

.... September 4.

Elizabeth Gourley.

1860, January 1.

1. Thomas Kendall, *Park Street Church, Boston.*

1. Horace E. Robinson, *Central Church, Boston.*

1. Mrs. Georgette B. Robinson, *Cong. Church, Greenland, N. H.,*
died Feb. 12, 1860.

.... March 4.

Adeline S. Reynolds.

SUMMARY.

Original members, by letter, Feb. 15, 1853,	21
Received in 1853, by letter,	7
" " " on profession,	3—10
Removed " "	0
Members January 1, 1854,	31
Received in 1854, by letter,	5
" " " on profession,	3—8
Removed " " by letter,	1
Members January 1, 1855,	38
Received in 1855, by letter,	24
" " " on profession,	3—27
Removed " " by letter,	1
Members January 1, 1856,	64
Received in 1856, by letter,	5
" " " on profession,	3—8
Removed " " by death,	1
" " " letter,	9—10
Members January 1, 1857,	62

Received in 1857, by letter,	12	
“ “ “ on profession,	13—25	
Removed “ “ by letter,	5	
“ “ “ by exclusion,	1—6	
Members January 1, 1858,		81
Received in 1858, by letter,	14	
“ “ “ on profession,	25—39	
Removed “ “ by death,	1	
“ “ “ by letter,	9—10	
Members January 1, 1859,		110
Received in 1859, by letter,	5	
“ “ “ on profession,	1—6	
Removed “ “ by letter,	3	
Members January 1, 1860,		113
Received in 1860, (to April 30,) by letter,	3	
“ “ “ on profession,	1—4	
Removed “ “ by death,	2	
Members April 30, 1860,		115

Recapitulation.

Received by letter,	96	
“ on profession,	52—148	
Removed by death,	4	
“ “ letter,	28	
“ “ exclusion,	1—33	
Present number, as above,		115
 Male members,	 45	
Female “	70	



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